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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 747  
By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Judson "Jud" Murphy.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Judson Boyton Murphy, Maryville businessman and community leader; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy was born on April 12, 1916 in Clinton, Missouri, the son of a Methodist minister, Andrew J. Murphy; and

WHEREAS, "Jud" moved to Blount County, when his father was assigned to the First Methodist Church in Alcoa; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Alcoa High School in 1934 and then attended Maryville College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy served bravely in the United States Navy in World War II, achieving the rank of Chief Petty Officer in charge of supply aboard a troop ship; and

WHEREAS, he started his long and distinguished business career as a salesman for the Davis Motor Company in 1936, was promoted to sales manager, and then to vice president and general manager; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy became a part owner in 1939 and a majority owner of Murphy-West Chevrolet-Oldsmobile in 1955, when he bought Homer Davis's interest. In 1967, he became the sole owner of the Oldsmobile dealership and the name was changed to Murphy Oldsmobile-Datsun; and

WHEREAS, widely admired and respected as an astute and successful businessman, he served on the Chevrolet and Oldsmobile Dealership Council on the national level and, in 1977, was a director of the East Tennessee Automobile Club; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps best remembered for his acumen as a developer, having developed Airport Motor Mile, Turnberry Vista, Jamestown Village, and, with other investors, managed the development of Scenic Point on Fort Loudon Lake; and

WHEREAS, with his son, Robert P. "Bob" Murphy, he developed one of the most important recreational vehicle dealerships in the nation, Murphy Motor Manors; and

WHEREAS, Judson Murphy generously contributed his time and leadership to several important groups; in 1947, he served as president of the Maryville Kiwanis, was the group's most senior member with more than 65 years of service and the Maryville-Alcoa Jaycees named him Young Man of the Year; and

WHEREAS, he also served admirably as Chairman of the Blount County Chapter of the American Red Cross, as Director of the Blount County Chamber of Commerce, as Director of the Tennessee Automobile Dealers Association, as Director of the Better Business Bureau, as a member of the American Legion and of the Maryville Planning Commission, and as Chairman of the Finance Committee and of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Maryville College for three terms; and

WHEREAS, he served God faithfully as a 50-year member of New Providence Presbyterian Church, where he was a Deacon and Elder, served three terms as Clerk of the session and co-chaired the Building and Grounds Committee when the current building was built; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy was supported by his family, including his loving wife, Lois Brown Murphy, his son Robert, his granddaughter and her husband Lisa and Jeffrey Rotton; and his great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn Murphy Rotten; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor the memory of this outstanding Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Judson Boyton Murphy and express our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.